	Kerala	
32.	Indian Institute of Space Science and Technology (IISST), Vikram Sarabhai Space Centre, Veli, Thiruvananthapuram-695022	03.07.2008
	Pondicherry	
33.	Sri Balaji Vidyapeeth, Mahatma Gandhi Medical College Campus, Pondy-Cuddalore Main Road, Pillaiyarkuppam, Puducherry-607402	04.08.2008
	Uttarakhand	
34.	Graphic Era University, 566/6 Bell Road, Clement Town, Dehradun.	14.08.2008
	Maharashtra	
35.	Institute of Chemical Technology, Matunga, Mumbai.	12.09.2008

Coaching institutions for IIT-JEE

204. SHRI S. ANBALAGAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the mushrooming of coaching institutions for IIT-Joint Entrance Examination which charge exhorbitant fees from aspirants and the situation is that only who join costly institutions can make it to IITs;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the steps proposed to be taken by Government thereon;

(c) whether there is any proposal to scrap JEE and to have one (single) umbrella entrance test for all the Central Technology/ Engineering Educational Institutions through AIEEE which should be strictly based on 12th standard syllabus of the Central/State Boards; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) and (b) With a view to curb the undue and undesirable burden on the school going children and mushrooming of the coaching Institutions and for giving due weightage to the marks obtained in qualifying board examination, the IIT-Joint Entrance Exam (JEE) has undergone major changes from 2006 onwards. Following reforms have been made in the pattern of IIT-JEE exam from 2006.

(i) JEE continued to be the sole criterion for ranking the students for admission in IITs, IT-BHU, ISM, Dhanbad and other participating institutes;

(ii) School results are factored into admission process for the IITs. Only those students who secure a first-class or equivalent in the +2 examination are eligible for admission to the IITs;

(iii) For the students belonging to SC/ST, there is a relaxation of 5% of marks below the level of the Marks prescribed in the respective examination;

(iv) JEE is a single objective type examination. The question paper can include short write-up on a topic in physics, chemistry or even mathematics followed by objective questions that are based on the write-up. This tests the comprehension ability as well as analytical ability of the student while retaining the objective character of the test.

(v) A student can write the JEE in the year in which he or she passes the 12th standard examination and/or in the following year;

(vi) Those who join any of the IITs are not allowed to sit for the JEE again.

(c) and (d) There is no proposal to scrap JEE and have single umbrella entrance test for all the Central Technology/Engineering Educational Institutions through AIEEE. The JEE is conducted for admissions into IITs, Institute of Technology BHU, Varanasi and Indian School of Mines University, Dhanbad only, so as to maintain the high level of standards of these institutions. The Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) conducts the All India Engineering Entrance Examination (AIEEE) for admissions to the under graduate programmes in Engineering, Architecture and Planning in the National Institutes of Technology (NITs), Indian Institutes of Information Technology (IIITs), National Institutes of Foundry and Forge Technology (NIFFT), Ranchi, School of Planning and Architecture (SPA), New Delhi and other Institutes of the Central Government.

Ph. D. and research papers of students

†205. SHRI SAMAN PATHAK: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of students from Indian Institutes of Technology and Indian Institutes of Science who submitted their Ph. D. and other research papers in foreign countries during the last five years, institution-wise; and

(b) whether such students have been given financial support; if so, the number of students who have been given financial support, institution-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) and (b) The students from Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs) and the Indian Institute of Science (IISc) are not permitted to submit their Ph. D. theses in foreign countries. They can, however, participate and present research papers in international conferences, seminars, symposia, etc., for which no specific records are maintained by the Institutes. Similarly, on the request of the students, the Institutes are giving part financial support for presenting research papers abroad.

Refund of fees to students

206. SHRI KAMAL AKHTAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether AICTE has issued some guidelines regarding refund of fees taken by technical institutions to the candidates withdrawing before starting of the course;

(b) if so, the details thereof and whether Government monitors their implementation;

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.